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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Pamela R. Contag, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/183,566

FILED: October 30, 1998

FOR: **BIODETECTORS TARGETED TO SPECIFIC LIGANDS**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2000, in the above-identified application, the applicants make the following elections.

The Examiner has divided the claims into the following groups:
I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a biodetector, classified in class 424, subclass 93.1. II. Claims 19-24, drawn to expression vector for making a fusion protein, classified in class 424, subclass 184.1.

The applicants elect to begin prosecution with examination of Group 1, Claims 1-18 without traverse.

The applicants petition the Commissioner for 5-month extension of time: a separate petition accompanies this response

Respectfully submitted,

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